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C.   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1.   (Currently Amended) A <u>computer-implemented</u> method of
      providing dynamic network pricing data, said method
      comprising:
      determining<u>, by a network pricing computer,</u> an amount of
           traffic on a computer network<u>, wherein the determining
           includes requesting traffic data from one or more
           network devices and receiving the requested traffic
           data in response to the requests</u>;
      calculating<u>, by the network pricing computer,</u> a network
           usage price in response to the determination; and
      applying the network usage price to a network session.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as
      described in claim 2 wherein the network devices are
      selected from the group consisting of routers, switches,
      and computer systems.

4.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as
      described in claim 1 further comprising:
      identifying a client computer system corresponding to the
           network session; and
      sending the network usage price to the client computer
           system.

5.   (Currently Amended) The <u>computer-implemented</u> method as
      described in claim 1 further comprising:
      recording a session start time and the network usage price
           for the network session;
      identifying a session stop time for the network session;

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determining an elapsed session time; and

calculating a session billing amount corresponding to the
elapsed session time and the network usage price.

6.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as
described in claim 5 further comprising:
storing one or more session billing amounts for one or more
users;
calculating an invoice total for each of the users based on
each user's corresponding session billing amounts; and
preparing an invoice for each of the users, the invoice
including each user's invoice total.

7.   (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method as
described in claim 5 further comprising:
writing a high priority header to one or more packets
originating from a computer system corresponding to
the network session between the session start time and
the session stop time.

8.   (Currently Amended) An information handling system
comprising:
one or more processors;
a memory accessible by the processors;
a network interface connecting the information handling
system to a computer network; and
a network pricing tool to provide dynamic network pricing
data, the network pricing tool including:
means for determining an amount of traffic on a
computer network, wherein the means for
determining includes means for requesting traffic
data from one or more network devices and means

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for receiving the requested traffic data in
response to the requests;
means for calculating a network usage price in
response to the determination; and
means for applying the network usage price to a
network session.

9.   (Cancelled)

10.   (Original) The information handling system as described in
claim 9 wherein the network devices are selected from the
group consisting of routers, switches, and computer
systems.

11.   (Original) The information handling system as described in
claim 8 further comprising:
means for identifying a client computer system
corresponding to the network session; and
means for sending the network usage price to the client
computer system.

12.   (Original) The information handling system as described in
claim 8 further comprising:
means for recording a session start time and the network
usage price for the network session;
means for identifying a session stop time for the network
session;
means for determining an elapsed session time; and
means for calculating a session billing amount
corresponding to the elapsed session time and the
network usage price.

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13.   (Original) The information handling system as described in
      claim 12 further comprising:
      means for writing a high priority header to one or more
              packets originating from a computer system
              corresponding to the network session between the
              session start time and the session stop time.

14.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored on a
      computer operable media, the computer operable media
      containing instructions for execution by a computer, which,
      when executed by the computer, cause the computer to
      implement a method for providing dynamic network pricing,
      said ~~computer program product~~ method comprising:
              ~~means for~~ determining an amount of traffic on a
                      computer network, wherein the determining
                      includes requesting traffic data from one or more
                      network devices and receiving the requested
                      traffic data in response to the requests;
              ~~means for~~ calculating a network usage price in
                      response to the determination; and
              ~~means for~~ applying the network usage price to a
                      network session.

15.   (Cancelled)

16.   (Original) The computer program product as described in
      claim 15 wherein the network devices are selected from the
      group consisting of routers, switches, and computer
      systems.

17.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product as
      described in claim 14 ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the
      method further comprises:

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means for identifying a client computer system
    corresponding to the network session; and
means for sending the network usage price to the client
    computer system.

18.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product as
    described in claim 14 ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the
    method further comprises:
means for recording a session start time and the network
    usage price for the network session;
means for identifying a session stop time for the network
    session;
means for determining an elapsed session time; and
means for calculating a session billing amount
    corresponding to the elapsed session time and the
    network usage price.

19.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product as
    described in claim 18 ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the
    method further comprises:
means for storing one or more session billing amounts for
    one or more users;
means for calculating an invoice total for each of the
    users based on each user's corresponding session
    billing amounts; and
means for preparing an invoice for each of the users, the
    invoice including each user's invoice total.

20.   (Currently Amended) The computer program product as
    described in claim 18 ~~further comprising:~~ wherein the
    method further comprises:

~~means for~~ writing a high priority header to one or more
packets originating from a computer system
corresponding to the network session between the
session start time and the session stop time.

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